

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous version of the claims with the following clean version, wherein claims 1-14, and 16 incorporate new amendments thereto.

a, 1. (Amended) A device for selecting a network-connected image forming apparatus from a plurality of network-connected image forming apparatuses, at least one of the plurality of image forming apparatuses having a specific mode job, the device comprising:

Sub JC, 7 a controller for selecting one of the plurality of image forming apparatuses connected with the network, wherein when the job has a specific mode, said controller selects an image forming apparatus storing a specific mode job, said controller registers the job in the selected image forming apparatus.

2. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said selected image forming apparatus is adapted to form images of a specific mode job which requires temporarily stopping the selected image forming apparatus.

3. (Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein said selected image forming apparatus has a manual feed paper supply specific mode.

4. (Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein said selected image forming apparatus is adapted to form an image of a job possessing a specific mode requiring changing paper positioned in the selected image forming apparatus.

5. (Amended) A device according to claim 2, further comprising:
notice means for notifying a user to place an indicated type of paper in the selected image forming apparatus.

6. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said controller selects one of the plurality of image forming apparatuses not storing a specific mode job when the job does not have a specific mode.

Sub OCR, 7. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said controller selects an image forming apparatus not storing a job in a memory when an image forming apparatus storing a specific mode job cannot be referenced.

8. (Amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein said controller selects an image forming apparatus having a greater remaining memory than any other of the plurality of image forming apparatuses when an image forming apparatus not having a job stored in memory cannot be referenced.

9. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said controller receives information from an image forming apparatus regarding a size of paper in the image forming apparatus, and

wherein said controller selects an image forming apparatus storing a specific mode job and registers a job in the selected image forming apparatus when no image forming apparatus has paper suitable for the job.

10. (Amended) A device according to claim 9, further comprising:
notice means for notifying a user to place an indicated type of paper in the selected image forming apparatus.

11. (Amended) An image forming apparatus connected with a network comprising:

a memory for storing jobs;
discriminating means for discriminating whether any of the jobs stored in the memory is a specific mode job in order to determine a status of the memory; and
reporting means for reporting the status of the memory.

12. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said memory stores a specific mode job requiring temporary stoppage of the image forming apparatus.

13. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said memory stores a specific mode job requiring a selected image forming apparatus having a manual feed paper supply mode.

14. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said memory stores a specific mode job requiring changing paper positioned in the selected image forming apparatus.

15. An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:
image forming means for forming images on recording medium in order of the
sequence of jobs stored in said memory.

16. (Amended) A network system comprising:
a network for transmitting data;
a plurality of image forming apparatuses connected with said network and each of the
plurality of image forming apparatuses having a memory for storing jobs;
discriminating means for discriminating whether the memory stores a specific mode
job indicating a status of the memory;
reporting means for reporting to the network the status of the memory; and
a control device for selecting one of said plurality of image forming apparatuses
connected with a network and registering a job in the selected image forming apparatus,
wherein said control device selects a predetermined image forming apparatus when the job is
a specific mode job.

17. A network system according to claim 16, wherein said predetermined image
forming apparatus stores a specific mode job.